

**Boyd Mill Avenue Improvements Public Hearing**  
**Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 5 pm.**  
**City Hall Boardroom**

**Meeting Attendees:**

**City of Franklin Employees:** Eric Gardner, Joe York, William Banks, Sarah Roop and Amanda Ray

**Aldermen:** Dan Klatt, Michael Skinner and Clyde Barnhill

**Wiser Co. Representatives:** Patrick Murray and Kirby Smith

**Homeowners:** Susan Joyner, Steve Heaston and R.G. Wolffe.

**Project Description**

Boyd Mill Avenue is included on the City's Major Thoroughfare Plan as a planned improvement to a major collector street and provides access to an area that has seen extensive development. The proposed improvements are to widen the cross section to provide 2-12' lanes with turn lanes at intersections as needed, bicycle lanes to adhere to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, sidewalks, curb & gutters, and other appurtenances as required. The project length is approximately 1,900 LF.

**Questions and comments from the public during the meeting:**

**Susan Joyner: 1275 Lewisburg Pike**

**Q. Will my fence be taken down, and if it is will it be put back up?**

**A.** We really won't know for sure if the fence will be taken down until further in the design of the project. It is possible that the fence would have to be taken down during construction. If so, the fence would either be replaced or property owner would be compensated. It would be up to the property owner.

**Steve Heaston: 3109 Traviston Drive**

**Q. Could we put the sidewalk on only one side of the road?**

**A.** The typical section used for Boyd Mill follows the City's standards for a Major Collector. Staff will be bringing design changes up to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) to see if they would like to have sidewalk on only one side.

**Q. What about the Franklin Green entrance sign and wall?**

**A.** The plan is to leave the sign and wall. If they are within the construction limits, they will be relocated or replaced.

**Alderman Dan Klatt: 114 Lewisburg Avenue**

**Q. Do we even need to plant trees? That area is already grown in.**

**A.** Planting trees is not part of the project's scope.

**Q. Is the South side of the road the better side for the sidewalk?**

**A.** If we only had sidewalk on one side, the south side would probably be the better side.

**Q. Does the existing 3 lane area (the turning lane at the intersection of Boyd Mill Ave and Franklin Green road) change much?**

A. The asphalt will not change much. The only changes will be the addition of the sidewalk and curb and gutter.

**Q. What if the sidewalk is only on one side, and we shift the road over, will it create an alignment problem?**

A. It depends on how much it is shifted. We typically try to balance the impact of a road widening project with the property owners on both sides of the street.

**Q. Where will you put the water and sewer?**

A. The design for water and sewer is not complete at this time. The water line will likely stay in the same place while the sewer line will likely be located on the opposite side of the road.

**Q. Will they be underground utilities?**

A. Existing overhead utilities are not planned to be relocated underground.

**Q. Will the sewer be in the road?**

A. Possibly. This will be determined during the design of the sewer.

**Q. Does Middle Tennessee Electric make the decisions about the street lights? We have a section that does not have any light poles.**

A. It is the City's policy to use MTEMC approved street lights. MTEMC does not determine the type. If the type is not MTEMC approved, the City becomes responsible for the maintenance of the street lights.

**Q. Will you request the lights for us?**

A. We will look at street lights in the design.

**R.G. Wolfe: 3169 Tristan Drive**

**Q. Will you be putting turning lanes in?**

A. There will be turn lanes at the intersections.

**Q. Are you going to be taking some of the property along the road?**

A. There will be property that must be acquired for this project. At this time, the exact amount is not known. It will be determined when the preliminary design is completed.

**Q. Will you be taking any property from Franklin Green's entrance?**

A. It appears that there will be some right-of-way (ROW) and easements needed at Franklin Green's entrance for the improvements.

**Q. Will there be bike lanes? Those would be useful.**

A. Yes, there are bike lanes planned on both sides of the street.

**Q. Will you be making improvements up the hill? (past Franklin Green Subdivision)**

A. This project stops at Franklin Green. Improvements between Franklin Green and S.R. 96 will be part of another project.

**Q. Will you put a light at Horton Lane?**

A. There is not a plan to install a traffic signal at this intersection as the traffic does not currently warrant one. If traffic patterns change, there could be one added at the intersection as part of an improvement project to Horton Lane.

**Q. How soon do you propose to start?**

A. That will depend on funding. At this time, property acquisition and construction is not funded. It will be up to BOMA to determine when this project will start. If funding is in place, property acquisition could begin in the spring of 2009 and construction could begin by the end of 2009.